

Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ontario Public Library Association for dedication to and advocacy for Northern Ontario public libraries, especially those within First Nations.

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## Sheri Mishibinijima for Atikameksheng Trust

I believe that I would make a good Trustee. I am a grandmother to 3 beautiful grandchildren and now have the time to make a commitment to the Atikameksheng Trust. With my 24 years of work experience, you can count on me to be a fair and non-judgmental trustee. I honor the teachings of the 7 grandfathers Wisdom, Truth, Respect, Love, Humili-

ty, Courage, Honesty and the medicine wheel of Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual well-being.

I took an active role in capacity building on the comprehensive community plan for First Nations, in the First Nation Leadership Summit, Cultural Sensitivity Training, Focus Intention Technique (FIT) and with many self-help sessions for my professional and personal growth.

Qualifications for being a trustee I have participated on many boards and committees throughout the years as a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Board Member all of which have given me experience on how a board and

committee should be operating, by providing minutes and listening to members. Federation of Ontario Public Libraries; Our Way Forward Strategic Implementation Committee; Speak Up for First Nation Public Libraries; National Indigenous Libraries Association; Ontario Library Association for First Nation Inuit-Metis Task Force; First Nation Strategic Action Group-Ontario Library Service North; First Nation Community Read; Valuing Northern Libraries Social Return on Investment Pilot Project and continue to be part of the National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance. These organizations listed above all have given me the skills to be the best Trustee I can be for our community.

I am very thankful to the Atikameksheng Trust as I have been a recipient over the years with financial assistance for my Certificate of Food Service Worker Program from Canadore College, Rainbow Ridge Golf Course Ladies Golf program, and the Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conferences.